

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment being submitted prior to receipt of a first office action. As a result of this amendment:

The following claims are amended 29, 34-37, 39-41, 43, 50 and 51.

The following new claims have been added 79-81.

The remaining claims are unchanged.

The dependency of claim 29 has been changed from claim 28 to claim 80. New claim 80 is described herein below.

The dependency of claim 30 has been changed from claim 28 to claim 29.

In claim 34, the minimum chromium content has been changed from 0.2% to 0.15%. This is to correct a typographical error in the preliminary amendment filed with the application dated February 19, 2004. It is noted that when this claim was originally presented in parent application Serial No. 09/923,137 the minimum chromium content was recited as 0.15%.

Claims 35-37 have been amended to more precisely identify the cold rolling step while deleting the effect of the cold rolling step, namely cold work inducement.

Claims 39-41 and 43 have been amended to use proper drawing terminology, this is in conformance with applicant's specification at page 16, lines 13-15.

The dependency of claim 50 has been changed from claim 48 to claim 81. New claim 81 is described herein below.

The dependency of claim 51 has been changed from claim 49 to claim 50.

New claims 79 and 80 have been added to more particularly identify the cold roll step 12 (as illustrated in figure 1) disposed between hot roll 16 and solution anneal 14.

New claim 81 has been added to more precisely claim the duplex anneal in conformance with originally filed claim 23 and applicant's specification at page 19, lines 10-26.

Consideration of the amended claims is respectfully solicited.

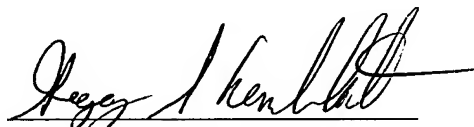
Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to take such proper actions so that a patent will issue herefrom as soon as possible.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes that a discussion with Applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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